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PRESIDENT HEINEMAN PRESIDING

PRESIDENT HEINEMAN: Good morning. Welcome to the George W. Norris Legislative Chamber for the seventy-first day of the Ninety-Eighth Legislature, First Session. Our chaplain for today is Senator Jones. Please rise.

SENATOR JONES: (Prayer offered.)

PRESIDENT HEINEMAN: Thank you, Senator Jones. I call the seventy-first day of the Ninety-Eighth Legislature, First Session, to order. Senators, please record your presence. Roll call. Mr. Clerk, please record.

CLERK: I have a quorum present, Mr. President.

PRESIDENT HEINEMAN: Thank you. Corrections for the Journal?

CLERK: I have no corrections, Mr. President.

PRESIDENT HEINEMAN: Messages, reports, or announcements?

CLERK: Mr. President, your Committee on Enrollment and Review reports LB 160, LB 255, LB 358, LB 367, LB 626, LB 735, LB 735A as correctly engrossed. And those are the only items I have, Mr. President. (Legislative Journal pages 1511-1512.)

PRESIDENT HEINEMAN: Thank you. We'll proceed to the first item on the agenda, Mr. Clerk.

CLERK: Mr. President, the first bill, LB 402, was a bill introduced by the Speaker at the request of the Governor. (Read title.) Bill was introduced on January 15, referred to the Appropriations Committee. Bill was advanced to General File. I do have committee amendments. (AM1390, Legislative Journal page 1414.)

PRESIDENT HEINEMAN: Thank you, Mr. Clerk. Chair would recognize Senator Wehrbein to open on LB 402.

SENATOR WEHRBEIN: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I'll just be very